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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Fifty-Third Anniversary Jud- son Baptist Association

**Held With Oak Hill Church September
12, 13 and 14, 1905.**

**Time and place of next Meeting: Tuesday after Second Lord's Day
in September, 1906, with Oak Hill Church, Itawamba Co., Miss.**

The Judson Baptist Association convened with the church at Oak Hill, Lee County, Mississippi, September 12, 1905. Elder R. M. Birmingham preached the introductory sermon, after which a recess was taken until 1:30 for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association came together by singing, the moderator in the chair. Prayer by Bro. J. E. Byrd, State Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

The churches were called and letters from the following were handed in, read and names of delegates enrolled, to-wit:

Evergreen Church, Itawamba County—Brethren M. V. Mattox, William McMaster and H. C. Stovall, with J. C. Berryhill, alternate.

Fellowship church—Brethren A. J. Sandlin, A. Farrar and J. W. McKissack. L. M. Harrel, Alternate.

Hopewell church—Brethren A. E. Sandlin, E. L. Gray, J. F. Gardner and E. K. Thomas, Alternate.

Liberty—Brethren Jesse Owen, C. H. Neal and Clark Oliver. Jessie Rollins, Alternate.

Ballardsville—Brethren W. O. Thornley, J. B. Cayson, W. D. Francis. W. D. Ballard, Alternate.

Oak Grove—Brethren W. H. Leigh, W. Farrar, T. R. Nichols and W. T. Gregory.

Oak Hill—Brethren A. J. Wright, W. J. Butler and S. A. Strawhun.

Plantersville—Brethren R. S. Thomas, R. L. Birmingham, R. G. Biggers and A. C. McVay.

Bethel—Brethren W. S. Sheffield, J. W. Summers, D. R. Biggerstaff and T. C. Ballard.

New Bethel—Brethren J. G. Sloan, J. C. Todd, W. A. Pennington. J. M. Potts, Alternate.

Union Hill—Miss Isabella Coggin, J. B. Ridings, J. T. Cain. Y. H. Ivey, Alternate.

Boguefula—Brethren T. Powell, L. P. McCarty, John Cayson and B. T. Gregory.

Center Hill—Brethren S. P. Harris, L. B. Gandy, Benj. Estes. R. H. Rogers, Alternate.

Pleasant Hill—Brethren W. H. Gregory, G. A. Roberts, A. P. Carr and J. W. Cook.

Richmond—Brethren W. H. Moore, P. J. Mattox, B. Lesley. J. T. Johnson, Alternate.

The association then went into permanent organization which resulted as follows: R. S. Thomas, Moderator; A. C. McVay, Clerk; P. J. Mattox, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

Correspondence called for. Brethren W. R. Hampton and J. H. Jinkens, were present from West Judson Association and L. T. Taylor, M. D. Temple, C. C. Armstrong, W. Regall and G. W. Potter from Aberdeen Association.

Bro. J. E. Byrd from Pearl Leaf Association.

The following committees were appointed:

On Arrangements—W. S. Sheffield, W. H. Leigh and H. C. Stovall.

On Devotion—P. J. Mattox, L. P. McCarty and J. W. Summers.

On Fraternal Dead—R. L. Birmingham, M. V. Mattox and J. D. Coggin.

On Missions—H. C. Stovall, A. P. Carr and W. T. Gregory.

On Ministerial Education—T. S. Baskin, R. G. Biggers, W. S. Sheffield, J. A. Williams.

On Ministerial Support—W. H. Leigh, Turner Powell and W. D. Francis.

On Orphanage—R. L. Birmingham, J. G. Sloan and W. H. McKissack.

On Temperance—W. S. Sheffield, J. A. Williams, C. H. Neal.

On State of Religion—J. A. Williams, W. S. Sheffield and E. K. Thomas.

On Finance—W. D. Ballard, A. S. Kirksey, B. Lesley.

On Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning—P. J. Mattox, J. W. Summers and H. C. Stovall.

On Manuscripts—B. Lesley, L. B. Gandy and M. V. Mattox.

On Publications—A. J. Wright, William McMaster and W. J. Butler.

On Music—A. C. McVay, L. P. McCarty and S. A. Strawn.

On Resolutions—L. B. Gandy, J. W. Cook and A. C. McVay.

By motion the regular order of business was suspended and Bro. P. J. Mattox, General Superintendent of Sunday Schools, read a report on Sunday schools, and remarks were made by Bro. Bird, State Superintendent of Sunday Schools from Pearl Leaf Association, with suggestions of how to

teach, etc., which were adopted.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, September 13.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The moderator in the chair. Bro. P. J. Mattox read John 14. Prayer by Bro. W. T. Stegall, after which the association took up the regular order of business.

Letters from the following churches were handed in and delegates enrolled.

Tombigbee—Brethren H. D. Hodges, J. W. Morris, L. J. Thomas. T. B. Gilmore, Alternate.

Mantachie—Brethren J. B. Grimes, E. M. Chilcoat, A. S. Kirksey. T. S. Baskin, Alternate.

Friendship—Brethren W. L. Bennett, A. F. Phillips and J. A. Martin.

Petitionary letters called for.

Minutes of first day read and adopted.

Report of committee on arrangements. Same order of business as previous session.

Report of committee on devotion. Preaching called in and report of committee on fraternal dead read with memorial services. Remarks by the following brethren:

R. S. Thomas, R. L. Birmingham, T. S. Baskin, P. J. Mattox and W. S. Sheffield.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

Since our last meeting God has seen fit in His Providence to call home the following named brethren and sisters:

Bethel—Sister Mary Summer.

Oak Hill—Sisters J. M. Coggin, N. M. Coggin.

Evergreen—Isabella Shumpert.

Plantersville—Sister Fannie Hill, Brother Victor Rose.

Fellowship—Sisters Sarah Baldwyn, Susan Cowley, Lizzie McCully, Corona Cowley.

Boguefula—Sister Annie Ballard.

Pleasant Hill—Bros. J. M. Johnson and Lee Johnson, Sister Mallie Brookshire.

Tombigbee—Sister Annie Stephens.

Richmond—Sisters Julia Lesley, M. J. Harris, J. M. Ivey.

Center Hill—Bro. Thos Harris.

Oak Grove—Bro. James Forbes, Sister Martha Ratliff.

Friendship—Name not given.

While our hearts are made sad we know that our loss is their gain.

A memorial service was held. Remarks by Elder T. S. Baskin, R. S. Thomas, Elder R. L. Birmingham, P. J. Mattox and W. S. Sheffield.

Elder R. L. Birmingham then read a letter from a friend, telling of the death of Bro. Furguson. Remarks by Elder T. S. Baskin and others. A tribute of respect to Sister Annie Stephens was then read.

"IN HER EIGHTY-THIRD YEAR.

In the death of Sister Annie Stephens the community in which she lived has suffered an irreparable loss. She joined the Baptist church when quite young and lived a consistent member all her life. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a warm friend to every one. She suffered a long time but bore it with Christian fortitude, always looking to Jesus for strength. Her life was exemplary in every respect and will ever stand as a living monument to comfort those loved ones left behind, and serve as a beacon light to guide on and upward to the beautiful beyond. Written by

ONE WHO LOVED HER.

Adjourned for refreshments until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association came together by singing. Prayer by Elder W. F. Davis.

Report of committee on missions called for. Committee was not ready.

Report of committee on ministerial education called for. Elder T. S. Baskin read the following report which was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

That the ministry should be of well informed men is plainly taught in the scriptures. In Paul's instruction to Timothy to study to prove himself a workman approved of God rightly dividing the word of truth, and it is very true that a man cannot teach until he himself has been taught. Since there are so many theories and doctrines in the world today it becomes necessary that the ministry be prepared to meet them with the truth and prepared to instruct the people in the truth. Therefore we recommend that our churches seriously consider these things and so assist the ministers that they may prepare themselves in this.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The committee on ministerial support submitted the following report:

We believe that it is the duty of every church member to contribute as the Lord has prospered him of his means to the support of his pastor and to the support of the Gospel. We are taught in God's word that the laborer is worthy of his hire and they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel, for the Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation to every one who believes, and it is our duty to use of our means in sending the Gospel to those who have it not. May the Lord create within us a greater zeal to the support of the Gospel in the future than we have shown in the past.

W. H. LEIGH, Chairman.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Elder R. L. Birmingham presented the following report:

The Baptist Orphanage, located at Jackson, Miss., has for its foster father Bro. J. R. Carter, who is a devout Christian and a sound Baptist. Brethren, this is one of the many ways in which God intended to carry out his promise through human instrumentalities. Then brethren let us show our faith by our works, and show that we believe what God has said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us not only pray but work. R. L. BIRMINGHAM, Chairman.

Adjourned till 8:30 a. m., Thursday, September 14.

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THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Bro. L. B. Gandy read 1st Psalm. Prayer by Elder T. S. Baskin.

Minutes of second day read. The moderator in the chair. The regular order of business taken up.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

W. S. Sheffield, chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

The blessed word of God teaches us to be temperate in all things—temperate in word, thought and deeds. We, the members of Christ's Kingdom on earth, should school ourselves, educate our children to be temperate minded, exercise moderation in language, labor, sleep and eat temperately. May we be pardoned for going beyond the word temperate in strong drink and add total abstinence. Moderate and social dram drinking leads to drunkenness. The Bible tells us that no drunkard can enter the kingdom of Heaven. Therefore we know the only safe ground is total abstinence.

Remarks by W. S. Sheffield, J. A. Williams, R. L. Birmingham and others. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

P. J. Mattox, chairman of the committee on Colleges and other Institutions of Learning, submitted the following report:

While there are many excellent schools and colleges in the south and under the control of Baptists, and while we would recommend all of them, we would highly and cheerfully recommend Mississippi College for young men and boys. We regard Mississippi College as our stronghold in regard to ministerial education and we should as a Baptist denomination, and I really think that we should highly endorse and support it for what it has done in the past and what it is destined to do in the future. We would also recommend Blue Mountain Female College for young ladies. Here in this college the students are surrounded by a strong religious influence, the heart as well as the mind is educated. We are

gratified to know that there are so many institutions of learning in our state. (Adopted.) P. J. MATTOX, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your committee on state of religion, report as follows:

From what we could gather from the letters from the different churches it looks like the state of religion in the bounds of the association is very good. Almost all the churches report good meetings and seem to have their spiritual strength renewed, but not as great an ingathering of souls as we have had in the years past. But we hope that the few who have been brought in have been born of the spirit, and hope they will make good useful members of the churches, and may it please God, the Father, to send His Holy Spirit into their hearts that he may guide them in the way of all truth. May it please our Heavenly Father to give to each one of his children a greater desire for the spread of the Gospel and ingathering of souls to Christ.

(Adopted.)

J. A. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We as a people profess to be loyal to the authority of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who said "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." If this is a command then, dear brethren, is it not our duty to use our utmost exertions to discharge this, our great duty, by contributing of our means. We take God's word as the rule and sufficient guide of our faith and practice. All good Christians will believe what God's word teaches and do what the Lord directs, not only as to Baptism and his supper but also in spreading the gospel over the world. No man can be a good Christian who rejects or ignores or neglects the Master's command for extending his kingdom. If we are here for any purpose it is to do God's will. Therefore, dear brethren, let us go forward in the discharge of the great duties that God has enjoined upon each of us.

(Adopted.)

H. C. STOVALL, Chairman.

Adjourned for refreshments until 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association came together by singing. Prayer by Bro. P. J. Mattox.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MANUSCRIPTS.

We, your committee on manuscripts, beg to report that we find that the annual reunion of the Judson Association will meet with Hopewell Church Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1906.

Subjects and persons to write:

Should Baptist preachers keep the distinctive doctrines of the Baptist church well taught in their churches?—J. A. Williams.

Is there any church which is the branch church of the Church of Christ?—W. H. Moore.

How often should a church member attend conference meetings and appointed days of worship and what should excuse him for not doing so?—L. B. Gandy.

Exegesis of John 10, 11 and 12.—P. J. Mattox.

Introductory by Elder T. S. Baskin. Thos. Gregory, Alternante.

BENNETT LESLEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee on publications, report as follows: We recommend the study of God's word for it is the pillar of truth. By the study of the Bible we may know the truth as the Lord intends for us to know it. We recommend our state paper, The Baptist, also the Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday school literature, and Foreign Missions Journal and Orphan Gem.

(Adopted.)

A. J. WRIGHT, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUSIC.

We, your committee on music, beg leave to report as follows: We believe music to be a part of divine worship and that it has a vast influence in bringing souls to Christ, and that the Gospel and song are so closely connected that they each depend upon the other for their influence for good. For the proof of this fact observation teaches us that the greatest revival of religion follow good song service, hence the Gos-

pel is both sung and preached. Therefore, we recommend that each church has an organized choir and an organ. The choir not to do all the singing but sing, while all are welcome to join in singing praises to God. We recommend some good book, Glorious Praise by Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, Ky., or Eureka Tidings of Joy, by Eureka Publishing Co., Stigler, I. T.

A. C. McVAY, Chairman.

L. P. McCARTY,

(Submitted and adopted.) S. A. STRAWHUN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF P. J. MATTOX, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren:—In presenting this, our annual Sunday School report, we feel like calling upon all our brethren to join with us in returning our thanks to an all-wise Providence for his manifold mercies toward us during this associational year. Dear Brethren, I rejoice because I can say to you that I believe that the Sunday school interest is greater in the Judson Association now than it has been for years. Yet my joy is mingled with sadness because so many of our members seem to be much uninterested. What possibilities lie slumbering in the membership of our churches! God speed the day when each individual member shall go forth with the high assurance of a God-given power of winning souls. The work of the Sunday school aims at the very heart of the world's great problems. It seeks for individual regeneration. It is a fact beyond all shadow of doubt that if we train the child we have saved him to himself, to God and to our country. I am profoundly convinced that no work outside the home is so far reaching, effective and therefore necessary as the work of the Sunday school among the children. The only thing God can make men and women out of is the children, therefore take care of them. Children are more easily led to Christ than grown people because they have not reached that dangerous condition of hardness of heart so often warned against by the Holy Scripture, and experience.

Children have not drifted off into the things that hold the attention of grown persons from Christ, such as business, amusements, etc. Hundreds of thousands once within the reach of Christian effort are now hopelessly or almost hopelessly beyond the reach of the Gospel. The wickedness of today is the problem the Christian worker must face today. How shall the wicked people of today be won back to purity and to God? What the world needs today is the concentrated light from the sun of righteousness. "Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness rise with healing in his wings." There is in reality but one commanding motive to be used in building up the Sunday school and that is that the school is for the definite and exalted purpose of studying the word of God. The Sunday school came into existence without flourish of trumpet, gained admission into the Christian heart of the world and has received a welcome from every creed and sect. It wears about it the loftiest dignities and yet comes with a smile for every child and a message of peace for every inquirer after the way of life. The minister or pastor will please pardon me for making a few remarks with reference to him. As a teacher he is needed to explain the Bible, as a preacher he is to proclaim it as a leader. He is to command it as an overseer. He is to see that it is rightly taught, as a shepherd. He is to see that the bread of life is well served to his flock, as a servant. He is to help those who are engaged in trying to teach the word of God. I do hope and pray that the time will soon come when we can all unite with songs of thanksgivings unto Him who loved us and washed us in his own precious blood and hath made us kings and priests unto God. Unto him be glory forever and forever. Amen.

Fourteen of our churches have and have had Sunday schools. Our Sabbath school convention at Hopewell church was really sublime and largely attended. Essays, recitations and speeches from different ones were indeed fine. Next annual Sunday school convention will be at Bethel church the

fourth Sunday in July, 1906, and the Saturday before.

P. J. MATTOX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body is due and is hereby tendered to this church and the entire community for their generous hospitality extended to us during our stay among them. May the Lord continue his blessings upon them. Respectfully submitted.

L. B. GANDY, Chairman.

J. W. COOK,

A. C. McVAY.

The old song, Parting Hand, was sung and all extended the parting hand to each other. Thus ended a glorious meeting, the fifty-third of the Judson Baptist Association.

A. C. McVAY, Clerk.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	Rec. by Ex. & Bap.	Rec. by Let. or Stat	Restored	Total Increase	Total Last Year	Dismissed by Let.	Expulsi'n, Erasure	Deaths	Total Decrease	Tot. Mem. this year	Sunday schools	No. Pupils	No. Teachers	Literature used	Days of Meeting Sunday and Saturday Before
Plantersville		Plantersville	1	3		4	33	1		2	3	34	140	3	3	Southern Bap	2nd.
New Bethel.												25					2nd.
Friendship	T. S. Baskin.	Guntown		5		5		2		1		58					2nd.
Richmond	S. P. Harris	Plantersville					58	3		3		52	140	3		S. B. L.	2nd.
Union Hill	J. H. Jenkins	Nettleton	3	4		7	72	6		6		135	135	3			1st.
Hopewell		Abney	1	2		3	154	8		2		152	190	9			4th.
Fellowship	W O Thornl'y	Saltillo	6	2		8	111	2		4		2115					3rd.
Ballardsville	W O Thornl'y	Ballardsville	5	8		13						45					3rd.
Pleasant Hill	S. P. Harris.	Tupelo	1	1		2	108	3		3		103					3rd.
Oak Grove	T. S. Baskin.	Ratliff		1		1		6		2		147					3rd.
Center Hill.	J. H. Jenkins	Plantersville	2			2	83	5		0		87					4th.
Mantachie	C. A. Gilbert	Mantachie					54	8				46					
Bethel	N. T. Clayton	Dorsey		1		1	105			1		1104	150	3			2nd.
Evergreen	J. H. Jenkins	Evergreen		2		2				1		54	145	3			2nd.
Oak Hill	J. H. Jenkins	Verona	12	5		17	27	4		1		44	150	3			3rd.
Liberty	W O Thornl'y	Nettleton	9	2				1		4		83					1st.
Tombigbee	W O Thornl'y	Ratliff	1	2								55					2nd.
Boguefala	G. E. Darling	Mooreville.	7	1						1		97					

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